

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
TORRANCE CULTURAL ARTS COMMISSION**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Torrance Cultural Arts Commission convened in a regular session at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, April 16, 2007 in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall.

2. FLAG SALUTE

Commissioner Smisek led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

Present: Commissioners Armstrong, Miranda, Smisek, Strehler, Wang, and Chairperson Stadler.

Absent: Commissioner Endo-Roberts.

Also Present: Cultural Services Manager Myers,
Cultural Services Senior Supervisor McClelland,
Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson, and
Cultural Services Consultant Powers.

MOTION: Commissioner Wang moved to grant Commissioner Endo-Roberts an excused absence for the April 16, 2007 Cultural Arts Commission meeting. Commissioner Armstrong seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

4. AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING

MOTION: Commissioner Strehler moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda. Commissioner Smisek seconded the motion; a voice vote reflected unanimous approval.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: Commissioner Smisek moved for the approval of the March 19, 2007 Cultural Arts Commission meeting minutes as submitted. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Miranda and passed by unanimous voice vote approval (absent Commissioner Endo-Roberts).

6. NEW BUSINESS

6A. NON-PROFIT ARTS GRANTS UPDATE

Cultural Services Manager Myers reported that Non-profit Arts Grants applications are due on May 2, 2007 by 4:30 p.m. and that the Grant Review Committee

will make its recommendations at the May 21, 2007 Commission meeting. He noted that 2006 recipient Regina Klenjoski Dance Company was returning the \$500 it was awarded and planned to reapply.

6B. 2007 EXCELLENCE IN ARTS AWARDS NOMINATIONS

Cultural Services Manager Myers reported that Mayor Scotto and several Council members planned to attend the ceremony on April 29, 2007.

7. STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

7A. EXCELLENCE IN ARTS

Previously discussed at this meeting.

7B. COMMUNITY CULTURAL PLAN

No report.

7C. GRANT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Previously discussed at this meeting.

8. MONTHLY DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson thanked Commissioners Strehler, Armstrong, and Chairperson Stadler for attending the March 31, 2007 opening reception of *Command z*, Maggie Lowe Tennesen, *Spatiotemporal Variability*, and Diane Reeves, *Duets*. She announced that Torrance Art Museum would be a Getty Summer Internship Grant recipient and that the Museum was actively recruiting additional volunteers. She reported that, as an educational component for the volunteers in conjunction with the Arts Partnership Grant, Dr. Jeanne Willette would be lecturing on "Five Decades of Contemporary Art" on May 7, 14, and 21, 2007. She reported that spring classes have started and include a ceramics demonstration workshop. She discussed the April 14, 2007 farewell reception for Ruby Wang, announced Artful Days on May 1, 2007, and mentioned that curator Kristina Newhouse was a Angel's Gate grant recipient and was currently in Ecuador.

In response to Commissioner Strehler's inquiry, Cultural Services Supervisor Ferguson explained how Kristina Newhouse selects exhibitions for the Torrance Art Museum.

Responding to Chairperson Stadler's inquiry, Cultural Services Manager Myers stated that the Cultural Services Division wanted Kristina Newhouse's position to be full time for several reasons that include her assistance with museum accreditation and galvanizing future exhibits.

In response to Commissioner Strehler's inquiry, Cultural Services Manager Myers briefly discussed the accreditation process and the benefits of becoming an accredited museum that include recruiting grant funding, staff, volunteers, and touring exhibits.

Senior Supervisor McClelland reported that over 2,000 people attending the six performances of Starlight Productions' "Annie" on April 5-7, 2007, that the Torrance Invitational Song Festival on April 14, 2007 was a successful event, and that auditions for "Rumors" begin April 17, 2007.

Cultural Services Consultant Powers reported that Works in Progress' April 25, 2007 presentation of "Question 27, Question 28" is nearly sold out and that there will be a Starters event on May 4, 2007 following an artist discussion. He distributed flyers announcing the June 3, 2007 11th Annual Ooodles of Noodles and reported that the first Wild Wednesdays! will be on June 27, 2007.

9. ORALS

9A. Commissioner Wang stated that she enjoyed Historical Museum of Acapulco, Fort San Diego.

9B. Commissioner Smisek stated that she enjoyed the Torrance Historical Society's showing of "All Gussied Up" and that she was looking forward to Bunka Sai on April 21-22, 2007.

9C. Commissioner Miranda stated that he enjoyed the exhibition at the Torrance Art Museum as well as seeing Cary Hoffman at the Catalina Bar and Grill.

9D. Commissioner Armstrong stated that she enjoyed pianist Alan Gampel, "Swingin' the Benny Goodman Songbook", and Pat Keck.

9E. Commissioner Strehler stated that she attended the Torrance Art Museum reception, Ruby Wang's farewell reception, and "All Gussied Up."

9F. Chairperson Stadler stated that she enjoyed the opening reception at the Torrance Art Museum and "Swingin' the Benny Goodman Songbook. She noted that Hermosa Valley School won "Honorable Mention" for the Bravo Award.

10. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: At 7:46 p.m., Commissioner Armstrong moved to adjourn the meeting to Monday, May 21, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the West Annex meeting room at Torrance City Hall. Commissioner Wang seconded the motion and, hearing no objection, Chairperson Stadler so ordered.

Approved as Submitted May 21, 2007 s/ Sue Herbers, City Clerk
